

ATTACHMENT 2

PRELIMINARY STAFF RECOMMENDED ALTERNATIVE SUMMARY

The Preliminary Staff Recommended Alternative includes the most beneficial and cost-effective elements of the five alternatives evaluated in the draft EIR. This alternative is also the most feasible, the most highly responsive to public comments, and the most resilient to the potential impacts of climate change. It includes the following components:

- ▶ *Alternative 3 for the Restoration Element:* Alternative 3 would involve construction of a small pilot channel that would reconnect the Upper Truckee River to the middle of the marsh to attain ecosystem and water quality improvements. This concept proposes the most geomorphically appropriate channel configuration allowing the pilot channel to strategically connect the current river alignment to historic channels and lagoons. The river would form its own pattern and spread over the expanse of the marsh, resulting in substantial benefits to habitats, wildlife, and water quality. The abandoned sections of existing river channel would be largely filled to create restored meadow and expanded wetlands.
- ▶ *Alternative 5 for the Recreation Element, East Side of the Upper Truckee Marsh:* Alternative 5 would maintain the current dispersed recreation experience on the east side of the study area. No new recreation infrastructure would be installed and public access would be afforded through the current informal user-created trail system. The Conservancy would continue to manage and reduce the impacts of recreational use and new trails while maintaining and expanding on-site signage.
- ▶ *Alternative 3 for the Recreation Element, West Side of the Upper Truckee Marsh:* Alternative 3 would upgrade the recreation infrastructure on the west side of the study area through construction of accessible trails to Lake Tahoe and formalized viewpoints that provide interpretive and site information signage. The developed recreation experience would be maintained consistent with natural resource values.